

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 730

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A RESOLUTION to designate a bridge on U.S. Highway 321
(Broad Street) in the City of Elizabethton as the
"Distinguished Service Cross Memorial Bridge".

WHEREAS, since the birth of our great nation, hundreds of thousands of brave American men and women have served their country in the United States Armed Forces, and many continue this legacy of service today, defending the most inviolate principles of human freedom and democracy; their meritorious service continues the time-honored tradition of Tennessee volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, throughout the years, the valiant members of the United States Armed Forces have continued to inspire our confidence, loyalty, and support; and

WHEREAS, no group of veterans is more deserving of recognition and approbation than our State's Distinguished Service Cross recipients; and

WHEREAS, the Distinguished Service Cross is our Nation's second highest award for valor, second only to the Medal of Honor. The Distinguished Service Cross was created during the First World War and was signed into law by President Woodrow Wilson on January 2, 1918; and

WHEREAS, the Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to a person who, while serving in any capacity with the U.S. Army, distinguished himself or herself by extraordinary heroism not justifying the award of a Medal of Honor; while engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States; while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing or foreign force; or while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing Armed Force in which the United States is not a belligerent party. The act or acts of

heroism must have been so notable and have involved risk of life so extraordinary as to set the individual apart from his or her comrades; and

WHEREAS, Carter County is proud to have produced no less than five Distinguished Cross recipients: Robert B. Cable, Nathaniel W. Ellis, Lynn H. Folsom, Robert H. Goodwin, and John B. White, all of whom served courageously in World War I, and Buster Shell who served with great valor in the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that we should honor these Distinguished Service Cross recipients who made many sacrifices to preserve the blessed freedoms we enjoy today and that our progeny will hopefully continue to cherish for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, this Body wishes to name a certain bridge on U. S. Highway 321 (Broad Street in the City of Elizabethton) to honor and commemorate these five brave sons of Carter County who sacrificed personal concerns and their safety to serve with extraordinary heroism in combat, so that we might enjoy the many bounties of democracy and the American way of life; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that the bridge spanning the Doe River on U.S. Highway 321 (Broad Street) in the City of Elizabethton, Carter County is hereby designated the "Distinguished Service Cross Memorial Bridge" in honor of the five brave Carter Countians, namely Robert B. Cable, Nathaniel W. Ellis, Lynn H. Folsom, Robert H. Goodwin, Buster Shell and John B. White, who received the Distinguished Service Cross for their extraordinary heroism in military action.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation is directed to erect an appropriate plaque, to be bronze in appearance, designating the bridge spanning the Doe River on U.S. Highway 321 (Broad Street) in the City of Elizabethton, Carter County as the "Distinguished Service Cross Memorial Bridge". Such plaque shall bear the following language in substantially the same format:

"Distinguished Service
Cross Memorial Bridge
In Honor of
Robert B. Cable
Nathaniel W. Ellis
Lynn H. Folsom
Robert H. Goodwin
Buster Shell
John B. White".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the erection of such plaque shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the Commissioner of Transportation in writing that the provisions of this resolution shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.